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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : **Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**
:
Masanari KOBAYASHI et al. : Patent Art Unit: 3618
:
Serial No. 10/565,394 : Examiner Hau Van Phan
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Filed: January 23, 2006 : **Confirmation No. 2050**
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For: ENGINE EXHAUST SYSTEM FOR :
A VEHICLE :

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS | | | | SMALL ENTITY | | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | |
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| REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | | ADDIT. RATE | FEE | ADDIT. RATE | FEE |
| TOTAL 13 | - 22 = | 0 | | x 26 = \$ | | x 52 = \$ | |
| INDEP 3 | - 4 = | 0 | | x 110 = \$ | | x 220 = \$ | |
| [] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM | | | | + 195 = \$ | | + 390 = \$ | |
| | | | | TOTAL \$ | | TOTAL \$ | |

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the November 21, 2008 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16, 21 and 22 are pending, with claims 2, 10 and 14 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.